get his own hat returned .- adv.

to be voted on at our next meeting.

Martha Hall, Cor. Secretary.

A Born Diplomat.

Willy-Your friend Gammon is very

clever. Nilly-Clever? Why, he can't

take two women any place and keep

them from saying anything about the

weather or what they think of any

other women who are better dressed

than they.-Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Doubtful Optimist.

"Yes. I think the world is getting

better every day, although I must ad-

mit it looks like an exceedingly pain-

'Well, boss, I was out a-lookin' for

trouble, an' dis yere eye was de fust

He Hit It.

Weary Fresh-I don't know. Profes-

Professor - What three words are used most among college students?

to find it."-Boston Trauscript.

ful convalescence."-Washington Star.

"Are you an optimist?"

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LOCAL ITEMS

About Our Town and Its People

Mrs. Ella Holmes was in Detroit over Sunday to meet her son, Fred, who was to spend Sunday there.

Mrs. Chas. Johnson was in Ionia last Friday on a business trip.
Ed. Covert went to Moseley Friday to do a job of carpenter work.

Miss Grace Blett returned home to Grand Rapids Friday.

Jason Scott made a business trip to Lowell Friday.

Claude Warner went to Lowell Friday to see his father, who was injured recently by falling from a chair. He found him much improved.

Mrs. George Kaardux and Mrs. D. Germaine, who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Logan, returned home to Holland Friday. Claude Warner went to Lowell Friday to see his father who was injured recently by falling from a chair. He found him much improved. Mrs. W. R. Wood and Mrs. Anna sellock of Orleans visited Mr. and Mrs. George Kaardux and Mrs. D. Germaine, who were guests of Mrs. And Mrs. A. C. Logan, returned home Friday.

W. H. Kimball of Ludington, who was a guest of L. H. Weeks and other friends here, returned home Friday.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. E. A. Thorne Saturday afternoon at two thirty o'clock.

Fred L. Warner was in St. Johns on legal business Saturday.

Eldoss Berb and wife of Greenville were in the city last Saturday visiting their daughter.

Nelson Jenks and wife went to Coral Saturday to visit relatives over Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Deno, son Dick and Mrs. Hiram Minier returned daughter, Harriet, were in Saginaw and Mrs. Hiram Minier returned daughter, Harriet, were in Saginaw and Mrs. Hiram Minier returned daughter, Harriet, were in Saginaw and Mrs. Hiram Minier returned daughter, Harriet, were in Saginaw and Mrs. Hiram Minier returned daughter, Harriet, were in Saginaw and Mrs. Hiram Minier returned daughter, Harriet, were in Saginaw and Mrs. Hiram Minier returned daughter, Harriet, were in Saginaw and Mrs. Hiram Minier returned from Lansing Tuesday, where they also wisted other relatives and friends in the Belding and distinct in the distribution Sunday.

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Leslie Sherwood also James Rogers of Greenville were guests at the home of Gr. A. Burns Sunday.

West Otisco Farmers' Club Mrs

Mrs. Fred Deno, son Dick and daughter, Harriet, were in Saginaw

over Sunday.
Shelley Chapman went to Lansing Monday, where he is working in one of the factories there. Mrs. Will Walker was in Grand

Rapids for the day Monday, Mrs. J. F. Pinkham has been visiting a few days this week in South Haven. She went there Monday. Mrs. Levi Wilson went to Moseley Monday to visit at Claude Connor's

for the day.
Mrs. Effle Knee went to Lowell Monday on business.

Mrs. Chas. Geeser of Lawton, who has been the guest of her son, Millard Geeser, returned home Monday.

came to render assistance in the sickness of Mrs. Geeser, who has been in the hospital for the past ten

Isaac Shaw of Ann Arbor arrived
Saturday for a few days' visit with are the proud parents of a fine daughMrs. Asher Shaw. Mr. Shaw is a ter, born to them last week. cousin and has for some time been residing in Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Brown of

Grand Rapids came Friday to visit there, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Davis. Mrs. Brown had been ill and her sister, Mrs. Jack Bussell, who had been assisting her, returned with

the guest of Mrs. J. W. Lunn a few days last week.
Mrs. Milo Scott returned home to

Ionia Thursday, after a short visit with relatives and friends here. S. J. Simons returned from Grand Rapids, where he has been for some

H. L. Page of Grand Rapids was in the city on business last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram H. Belding of

Mrs. Emma Streeter of Ionia was the guest of Mrs. Alice Scott of North Bridge street Wednesday.

Mrs. Bernice Hickox returned to Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mrs. Frank J. Luick was called to Cleveland last week on account of the very serious illness of her son-in-law, J. B. Clark, who is reported in a very critical condition. Her daughter, Mrs. Clark, is also quite

Elmer Cole was up from Ionia over Sunday to visit his brother, Frank Cole. He is the son of O. D. Cole, a former resident here.

Miss Ora Foote returned to Coral Monday, having been the guest of relatives in the city over Sunday.

Mrs. W. R. Wood and Mrs. Anna Sellock of Orleans visited Mr. and Mrs. John McPherson Friday.

Miss Edith Sessions of Carson City visited Mrs. Chas. Briggs Sunday.

Belle Lockwood spent the week-end in Sunfield.

ed from Lansing Tuesday, where they had been on a visit to their relatives. Barney Race was 75 years old Saturday and was contented and happy over the fact that he was feeling well

and able to still enjoy life. He was one of the pioneers of this vicinity, coming here with his parents when only three years old. When the war broke out he enlisted and served his country, came back to his old home at the close of the war and has resided

Mrs. Eliza Kisherman and sister, Mrs. Olive Winslow, whom she is visiting, ere in Stanton to visit relatives last Thursday.

Henry J. L. Johnson of Santa Andrew J. L. Johnson of Santa

Earl Cole and family of Ionia and his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Donvan made a business trip to Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Campbell of Lansing and her son were to Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. A. Wilder went to Grand in the city Tuesday. They returned to Lansing by way of Ionia in their

Under-Sheriff Mark Hoppough Ionia was in the city Tuesday on of-ficial business for the county.

Mrs. Harry Minier went to Lansing Tuesday for a few days' visit with her daughter, Cora, and other relatives

Mrs. Alfred Dorman and son, Harold, were in Orleans Tuesday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Milo Meeks, Miss Edna

Gettings accompanied them. Miss Iva Little arrived home from Palo Monday, where she has

Martin Westcott of Sunfield was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Davis last week. He returned home Monday. Mr. Westcott is a veteran of the Civil war and was a member of an Ohio regiment, and served three years, coming through the struggle without a scratch, save a bump on knee by a piece of an exploding shell.

Mrs. Katherine Weed of Bushnell spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Will Wortman.

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Mr. and Mrs. Otto Oberlin also Mrs. Derlin's mother of Sand Lake spent bunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry

codworth.

Elmer Haverly has so improved as be able to enjoy a visit at the farmome of his sister, Mrs. Geo, Haga-

dorn.

Geo. Whitney is the possessor of a fine new Saxon car.

Mason Burns is adding some improvements to his home by giving it a new coat of shingles.

Melvin Smith and family of Orleans visited friends in the Belding addition Sunday.

The Misses Margaret Burns and Gladys White spent Sunday in Greenville.

er and brother, Harry Stacey. They also visited other relatives and friends here. "Herb" is looking well and savs "farm life for me always."

Mrs. Frank Antcliff made her broth-

er. George Wilson a visit in Green-ville last Thursday. Mrs. Eliza Kisherman and sister,

na. Mexico, has been the guest of Mrs. Belle Heckathorne. John Donvan made a business trip

Rapids Tuesday.

Capt. Harry Teed of Ionia, con-nected with the Salvation army, was in the city Friday. He recently came from Toledo, where he has been stationed for a number of years in the

Mrs. Lilly Norris of Grand Rapids was in the city last week, returning Thursday. She had been the guest of Mrs. Montgomery, one of the hospital patients.

Harry Borwn of Croton was in the city this week. He came to assist his mother, Mrs. Alonzo Brown in getting settled again to housekeeping in her home on the Luther addition. He returned home Tuesday by the way of Howard City.
Orville Backus has put out a very

attractive barber sign, one of the up-to-date electric revolving kind, sur-mounted by pan electric light globe. Ben Hall of Long Lake was in the city on his way to the Hall fruit farm near Freeport. He says he has a few barrels of the Jonathan apples left, which he will ship this week. Some of them will come to the Beld-

ing market.
Miss Hazel Cohen of Pewamo has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred

city over Sunday. He is with the force of printers on the Ionia Sentinel.

Bert Storey of Cook's Corners went to Grand Rapids Saturday on business.

Mrs. Emma Streeter of Ivia

Mrs. Florence Heidly returned home to Bear Lake Monday. She was here over Sunday with her daughter, Josephine Heidly, after vis-iting freinds in Grand Rapids a few

days.

Miss Agnes Neve went to Pierson

Monday for a short visit at her home

J. B. Taylor of Greenville was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coulter

over Sunday.

Miss Edna Johnson, who was the guest of her people over Sunday, returned to Pierson Monday. She has been teaching in the schools there for the past three years.

G. M. Blett was home from Grand Rapids over Sunday. Master Geo. and Barton Blett, his grandsons, were with him.

with him.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lunt of Grand
Rapids were guests at E. Raymond's
over Sunday.

Wm. Currie of Greenville was in
the city Saturday.

Nelson Stevens was in the city
from Ionia last week visiting his parents. He is at work in the round
house there.

house there.

Mrs. George Reese and children returned from Lansing Saturday, where she had been visiting friends

a few days.

Mrs. Chas. Murray and son, Frank,
went to Six Lakes to visit at Elon Murray's a few days.

Mrs. Z. D. Dow returned to Greenville Saturday. She says they are
getting well settled in their new

ville Saturday. She says they are getting well settled in their new home there.

Viola Itzenhouse returned to Coral Saturday, having visited Mrs. James Blanding.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abbott went to Howard City Saturday to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. Minerva Williamson of Kendallville, Ind., is a guest this week of her brother, Fred Smith.

Fred U. O'Brien, editor of the Coral News and Rev. H. B. Johnson of Greenville were in the city this Wednesday working in the interest of the Michigan dry campaign.

Mrs. Chas. Murray and the Misses Susie Lambe, Nell MeSorley and Ruby Cleverton, accompanied Chas. Murray to Pontiac one day last week and came back in a new Oakland.

Mrs. Mary Barnes, city librarian, was in Grand Rapids Saturday, the guest of the city librarian there. A luncheon was served to the librarians of a number of the smaller surrounding towns. A very pleasant affair was enjoyed.

Mrs. A. Friedman left Wednesday

Mrs. A. Friedman left Wednesday for a ten days' visit with her people at the old home in Manistee.

Mrs. W. H. Shaw was in Grand Rapids Tuesday, called there by the illness of her brother, James Wil-

DELUDES ITS ENEMIES.

Cunning of the Caster Oil Plant I Protecting Its Seeds.

Mrs. Geo. Thomas, Miss Anna Laraen, Miss Bessie Nickolai and Mrs.
Willa St. Onge attended the Wyrick
recital at Ionia Tuesday evening.
The Ladies' Social Circle will meet
with Mrs. Emma Lamb on Wednesday, May 17, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.,
with Mrs. Fred Schlegel as assistant hostess. A good attendance is
desired. Dressing them up to look like foul tasting bugs, this plant protects her children from hungry birds. If it were not for their disguises the children might be eaten and never have a chance to grow and become big plants. The wise mother plant realizes this, hence the masquerade. It's the castor

The Episcopal ladies will hold a baked goods sale at H. A. Lamb's store Saturday afternoon, May 13.—adv. To the average person anything relating to easter oil is not regarded as much of a delicacy. Birds, however, think otherwise. The seeds of the plant are like candy to them.

So the mother plant schemes to protect them. When she sends them out into the world she clothes them in variegated and fautastic dress until the seeds resemble coccinella beetles.

Now, if there is anything birds dis-

like more than anything else it is coccinella beetle. As a result they make a wry face when they see the castor oil beaus and pass them by. These seeds are oval and about a half inch long. They grow in spiny

capsules, three seeds in each capsule. To show that the castor oil plant is no newcomer on the earth, archaeologists write of finding seeds in tombs of ancient Egyptians. - Philadelphia North American.

FIRE BAGS AT SEA.

to be voted on at our next meeting.
All enjoyed a good time.
Our next meeting will be held with Mr. and Mrs. Updike, June 1. This will be an evening meeting. Ice cream and cake will be served. The topic will be, "Which is the most profitable to sell cream or to make butter." Led by Clyde Day and Mrs. Joe Werner. The Kind They Used In the Day of the Old Tinder Box.

Every whaler and sealer that sailed the seas in the days of wooden ships carried a fire bag. This was a tarpaulin bag about a foot long and six inches wide lined with waterproof material, with interlinings of olicloth and thick flannel. Into this was placed the flint and tinder box for kindling fire, and the bag was then securely fastened with double flaps and tied to keep its

It was the special duty of the second mate to look after the fire bag and in case of shipwreck to attach it at once to his person by means of stout straps provided for the purpose. Thus if officers and crew were cast away on some deserted shore in the desolate arctic circle the means of obtaining a fire to warm themselves by and to heat food and drink would not be wanting as ong as the precious fire bag was safe. The steam whalers and sealers of the

present day still carry a fire bag stowed in the lifeboat with the bread and water, but now it is of rubber and contains half a dozen tin boxes of matches. New York Press.

The typical young man of 1916 may have plenty of self-control, but it certainly gets him going when the leader of the small-boy gang yells: "Hey, Mister! Better grab your sor-Correct.-University of Michigan eye-brows, They've slipped down on

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Saturday, May 13 to Saturday, May 20 A Week Devoted to Special Display of Wash Goods of All Kinds

Time for summer sewing---time for selection of materials that will be used in the garments that the women of this vicinity will create soon. That you might have before you a large and varied showing of Wash Fabrics at this important time, we have selected the week of May 13 to 20 for special displays of Wash Goods in our store. You are cordially invited to come ard see the interesting displays.

During this week we will feature Wash Goods of all kinds---materials for dresses, for waists, for skirts, for boys' blouses, for children's dresses and many other garments that woman's nimble fingers with aid of needle and thread can fashion from beautiful and practical materials. The average woman secures much pleasure from her needle work but how much greater is her delight when the materials she works with are of the splendid qualities that she can obtain here.

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